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In re Application of:	)	Confirmation No.: 7726
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Takashi TANIOKA et al	)	Art Unit: 1792
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Appln. No.: 10/585,878	)	Examiner: Kelly M. Gambetta
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For: PROCESSES AND EQUIPMENTS FOR PREPARING F2-CONTAINING GASES,  
AS WELL AS PROCESSES AND EQUIPMENTS FOR MODIFYING THE  
SURFACES OF ARTICLES

**REPLY TO SECOND RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
Randolph Building, Mail Stop Amendment  
401 Dulany Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

Applicants have claimed priority from their application filed in Japan on March 31, 2004, and the PTO will have received a copy of the priority application from the International Bureau of WIPO. **Accordingly, Applicants again respectfully request the PTO to acknowledge receipt of Applicants' papers filed under §119.**

In spite of Applicants' Reply of October 21, 2009, to the first restriction requirement Office Action of September 22, 2009, basically the same restriction requirement has been repeated except this time claim 28 is placed in a separate and third group. Applicants hereby respectfully repeat their earlier election of Group I, without prejudice and this time

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without traverse. Applicants now accept that the elected Group 1 claims relate to an invention which is separate and patentably distinct from the invention of Group 2, claims 25-27, and Applicants are proceeding in reliance thereof.

The Examiner is hereby authorized to delete claims 25-28, without prejudice, upon allowance of claims directed to the elected Group 1.

Applicants now respectfully await the results of an examination on the merits of elected claims 1-24 and 29.

Respectfully submitted,

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